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Newsletter

Gathering Open to All Show Attendees Just 10 Days Away!

The Southern Gold Society invites members and all attendees of the Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show to its Annual Gathering, which is now just 10 days away. The event will take place on Friday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m. in a designated meeting room at the Dalton Convention Center.

This year's gathering is open to all show attendees. Whether you are a seasoned collector or new to Southern gold, this event offers an opportunity to learn more about numismatics and connect with others who share an interest in the field.

The program will feature a keynote presentation by Jeff Garrett, a leading authority on U.S. coinage. He will discuss the Southern gold coins of the Great Kentucky Hoard, a discovery of more than 700 Civil War-era gold coins found in Kentucky. His talk will explore the historical context and significance of this find in relation to Southern gold coinage.

The Southern Gold Society is dedicated to promoting the study of Southern gold coins in a welcoming environment. This gathering provides a chance for SGS members to engage with fellow collectors and numismatic experts while also opening the discussion to a broader audience attending the coin show.

With just 10 days to go, SGS members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest who shares an interest in numismatics. Now is the time to make your plans to join us.

Southern Gold Society Website Featured in The E-Sylum

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you—our Southern Gold Society (SGS) website was recently featured in *The E-Sylum: Volume 28,*

Number 10! This recognition affirms our collective passion for preserving and studying Southern gold coinage and highlights the valuable resource we've built together.

As dedicated collectors and historians, you already know that SGS is committed to exploring the rich legacy of gold coins from the historic Charlotte, Dahlonega, and New Orleans mints, as well as from private minters like the Bechtlers and Templeton Reid. Our website serves as a central hub for sharing knowledge, historical insights, and research that deepen our appreciation for these unique pieces of numismatic history.

In their feature, *The E-Sylum* praised the SGS website as a premier destination for numismatists interested in Southern gold. The site's informative articles, dedicated sections on each mint's history, and user-friendly design make it a go-to resource for members and the broader collecting community alike.

While our website continues to be a valuable resource, *The E-Sylum* noted that enhancements such as more frequent updates and member-driven contributions could make it even stronger. This feedback resonates with our ongoing efforts to expand the site's offerings, and we encourage all of you to contribute articles, research, and insights to help keep our content fresh and engaging.

We invite you to take another look at our website and consider how you might contribute to its continued growth. Whether through submitting an article, sharing recent finds, or providing historical research, your involvement is what makes SGS such a special organization.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving Southern gold coinage history. We appreciate The *E-Sylum's* recognition of our efforts and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Newman Portal Expands with Southern Gold Society Newsletter

The Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) continues to expand its comprehensive collection of numismatic resources with the addition of the Southern Gold Society (SGS) newsletter. Thanks to the generous contribution of the SGS, these informative publications are now accessible to SGS members and the

wider numismatic community via the NNP.

As dedicated members of the SGS, you already understand the significance of Southern gold coinage and its historical importance. The SGS was founded to enhance the enjoyment and study of these remarkable coins through education and fellowship. Your society's periodic gatherings at regional coin shows foster camaraderie among collectors who share this specialized interest.

One of the most valuable aspects of the SGS newsletter is its wealth of feature articles, many of which are authored by esteemed numismatic researcher David Ginsburg. His insightful contributions, now easily accessible through the NNP, include:

- **"Antebellum Gold Deposits at the New Orleans Mint"** (January 2009)
- **"The Post-Civil War Operations of the New Orleans Mint"** (January 2010)
- **"The Bechtlers' Production and Some Other Aspects of the Southern Gold Rush"** (July 2013)

These articles offer a deeper exploration of the minting operations and economic landscape of the Southern gold era, providing SGS members with invaluable historical insights. Whether you are an active researcher or an avid collector, these publications will serve as an essential reference in your numismatic pursuits.

As SGS members, you can now access the full archive of newsletters through the Newman Numismatic Portal here.

The addition of the SGS newsletter to the NNP is a testament to the society's dedication to preserving numismatic history. This resource ensures that our collective knowledge and passion for Southern gold continue to thrive for future generations of collectors and researchers.

Record-Breaking Sale of the 1856-O Liberty Double Eagle

The 1856-O Liberty Double Eagle, AU58 PCGS, Winter 1, has made history by achieving a record-breaking price of $690,000 at Heritage Auctions' February 27-March 2 Long Beach Expo US Coins Signature® Auction. This exceptional coin, part of the Mississippi Collection of Double Eagles, surpassed its previous record of $576,150 set in 2008, reaffirming its status as a premier rarity in the Liberty double eagle series.

Continue Reading

Writers Needed

One of the purposes of the SGS is to "enjoy each member's knowledge." This newsletter is one of the ways this numismatic knowledge is dispersed. The frequency of the newsletter is driven by the number of submissions for publication. The editor of the SGS eNewsletter needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles should be relevant to the study of the gold coins and related history of the Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans branch mints and private minters Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers. If you do a presentation at a gathering or other venue, consider compiling your notes into an article. Do not worry about the grammar. The editor will do the rest. Electronic manuscripts should be submitted by email to contactus@southerngoldsociety.org.

Mission Statement

The Southern Gold Society was formed to increase the enjoyment and study of Southern gold coins and related history, through an informal, relaxed mix of education and fellowship. The society is reminiscent of those of a bygone era, in which connoisseurship and a gentlemanly appreciation of Southern gold coins is the order of the day.

Purpose

- To facilitate the enjoyment and study of the gold coins and related history of the Southern branch mints (Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans) and private Southern minters (Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers).
- To enjoy each member's knowledge and friendship in an informal manner.
- To provide a relaxed, pleasant environment in which to meet during selected coin shows and other convenient events.
- To encourage the appreciation and preservation of a Southern gold coin’s original surfaces.
- To consolidate the information, resources, and talent available to enthusiasts of these historic Southern gold coins.

Annual Membership Fees

Regular $25 (January-December).

Membership for new members joining in October, November, or December extends through the next year. Checks for membership fees should be made payable to the Southern Gold Society and mailed to David Crenshaw, P.O. Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019-0004.

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